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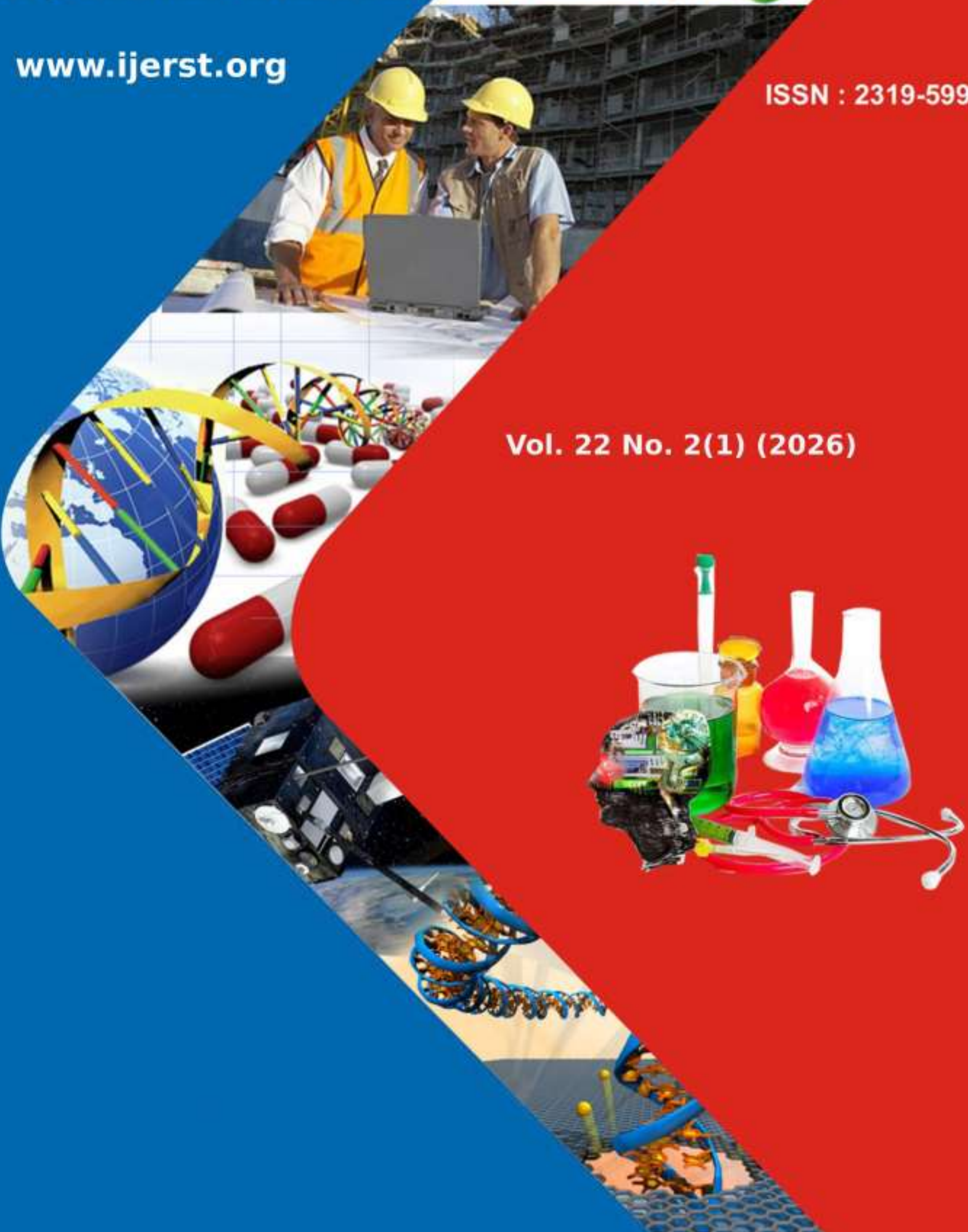


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# DERMATOSCOPIC PIGMENTED SKIN TYPE CLASSIFICATION USING CNN WITH TRANSFER LEARNING

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## Abstract

Skin cancer is among the most prevalent and life-threatening diseases globally, where early and accurate diagnosis plays a crucial role in effective treatment. Dermatoscopy has become an essential technique for examining pigmented skin lesions, enabling dermatologists to identify various skin conditions. However, manual analysis of dermatoscopic images is often time-consuming and highly dependent on clinical expertise, which may lead to variability in diagnosis.

To address these challenges, this study presents an automated approach for dermatoscopic pigmented skin lesion classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) combined with transfer learning. The proposed system utilizes the HAM10000 dataset, which consists of diverse dermatoscopic images representing multiple categories of skin lesions. Image preprocessing and data augmentation techniques are applied to enhance data quality and improve model generalization.

A pre-trained deep learning model, ResNet50, is employed as the feature extractor, leveraging transfer learning to capture complex visual patterns effectively. Additional fully connected layers are integrated into the architecture to classify images into seven distinct skin lesion categories, including melanoma, melanocytic nevi, basal cell carcinoma, and others.

## I. Introduction

Skin diseases represent one of the most widespread health concerns globally, affecting individuals across all age groups. Among these conditions, skin cancer is particularly critical due to its potential to become life-threatening if not diagnosed and treated at an early stage. Early detection significantly increases the chances of successful treatment and patient survival. Dermatoscopy, a non-invasive imaging technique, is widely used by dermatologists to examine skin lesions in detail and identify various types of skin disorders. Despite its effectiveness, manual interpretation of dermatoscopic images can be complex, time-intensive, and subject to variability based on the clinician's experience.

In recent years, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning have transformed the field of medical image analysis. Computer-aided diagnostic systems are increasingly being adopted to support healthcare professionals in making accurate and timely decisions. Among deep learning techniques, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have demonstrated remarkable performance in image classification tasks. These models are capable of automatically extracting meaningful features such as shape, color distribution, and texture patterns, making them highly suitable for analyzing dermatoscopic images.

This project focuses on the classification of dermatoscopic pigmented skin lesions using CNNs combined with transfer learning. Transfer learning enables the use of pre-trained models, such as ResNet50, which have been trained on large-scale datasets and can effectively capture general image features. By fine-tuning these models on specialized medical datasets, high classification accuracy can be achieved even when the available data is limited.

## II. Literature Survey

Skin diseases, particularly skin cancer, have emerged as a significant global health issue due to their increasing prevalence and potential severity. Early diagnosis and accurate classification of skin lesions are essential for effective treatment and prevention of complications. Dermatoscopy is a widely used non-invasive imaging technique that allows dermatologists to analyze skin lesions in detail. However, manual examination can be difficult and time-consuming, as many skin conditions exhibit similar visual characteristics such as color variations, texture patterns, and irregular shapes, which may lead to diagnostic inconsistencies.

In recent years, the application of machine learning and deep learning techniques has gained considerable attention in the field of medical image analysis. Among these approaches, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have proven to be highly effective for image classification tasks. CNNs are capable of automatically extracting relevant features from images, eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. This capability makes them particularly suitable for analyzing dermatoscopic images.

Several studies have explored the use of transfer learning to enhance the performance of CNN models. Transfer learning involves using pre-trained models, such as ResNet, VGG16, and MobileNet, which are initially trained on large-scale image datasets. These models can be fine-tuned on medical datasets to achieve better accuracy while reducing training time and computational complexity. This approach is especially useful when dealing with limited labeled medical data.

A commonly used dataset in skin lesion classification research is the HAM10000 dataset, which contains over 10,000 dermatoscopic images categorized into multiple classes of skin lesions. Many researchers have utilized this dataset to develop and evaluate automated classification systems. The findings from these studies indicate that deep learning models can achieve high accuracy in identifying different types of skin diseases, demonstrating their potential in supporting clinical decision-making.

This literature survey provides an overview of existing research on skin lesion classification using deep learning techniques. It highlights the various models, methodologies, and datasets employed by researchers, and emphasizes the growing importance of automated diagnostic systems in healthcare. The insights gained from previous studies serve as a foundation for developing an improved CNN-based model for dermatoscopic pigmented skin lesion classification.

Numerous researchers have contributed to the development of automated systems for skin disease detection using machine learning and deep learning approaches. CNN-based models are widely adopted due to their strong capability in feature extraction and image classification.

Several studies have implemented deep learning architectures such as ResNet, VGG16, and MobileNet in combination with transfer learning techniques. These models have been applied to dermatoscopic datasets, particularly HAM10000, to classify skin lesions into multiple categories. The results of these studies show that transfer learning significantly improves model performance and reduces the need for extensive training data.

Research findings consistently indicate that CNN-based approaches can achieve high accuracy in skin lesion classification tasks. These systems can assist dermatologists by providing fast and reliable predictions, thereby reducing the chances of misdiagnosis. Furthermore, the integration of deep learning models into healthcare applications demonstrates great potential for improving diagnostic efficiency and supporting early detection of skin diseases.

## III. System Analysis

System analysis focuses on understanding the need for an efficient and reliable method to classify dermatoscopic skin lesions. Skin diseases, especially skin cancer, require early detection for effective treatment. Traditional diagnostic methods rely heavily on dermatologist expertise, which may lead to delays and inconsistencies. With the increasing availability of medical image data, there is a need for automated systems that can assist in diagnosis. Deep learning techniques, particularly CNNs, have shown strong capabilities in image classification tasks. Transfer learning further enhances performance by utilizing pre-trained models. The analysis highlights the importance of building a system that is accurate, fast, and scalable. It also considers challenges such as limited labeled data and variability in image quality. The system must ensure reliable predictions across different skin lesion types. Overall, the analysis emphasizes the integration of AI to improve diagnostic efficiency.

### Existing System

The existing system for skin disease diagnosis primarily depends on manual examination by dermatologists using dermatoscopy. Doctors analyze skin lesions based on visual characteristics such as color, size, texture, and shape. While dermatoscopy improves visibility, the diagnosis still relies on human expertise and experience. In some cases, additional laboratory tests like biopsies are required for confirmation. Traditional machine learning methods have also been used, but they require manual feature extraction, which can be complex and less accurate. These systems are often time-consuming and may not scale efficiently with large datasets. Moreover, diagnostic outcomes may vary between different practitioners. The lack of automation limits the speed and consistency of diagnosis. As a result, there is a need for more advanced and automated solutions.

### Disadvantages of Existing System

- Time-consuming manual diagnosis process
- High dependency on dermatologist expertise
- Possibility of human errors and misdiagnosis
- Difficulty in analyzing large volumes of image data
- Traditional methods require manual feature extraction
- Limited scalability and efficiency
- Inconsistent results between different doctors

### Proposed System

The proposed system introduces an automated approach for classifying dermatoscopic pigmented skin lesions using CNN with transfer learning. The system utilizes a pre-trained deep learning model, such as ResNet50, to extract important image features. The HAM10000 dataset is used for training and testing the model. Image preprocessing and augmentation techniques are applied to improve model performance and generalization. Transfer learning allows the model to leverage previously learned features, reducing training time and improving accuracy. Additional layers are added to classify skin lesions into seven categories. The system is designed to provide fast and reliable predictions. It reduces the dependency on manual diagnosis and improves consistency. The model is evaluated using performance metrics to ensure accuracy. Overall, the system aims to support dermatologists in early detection and diagnosis.

### Advantages of Proposed System

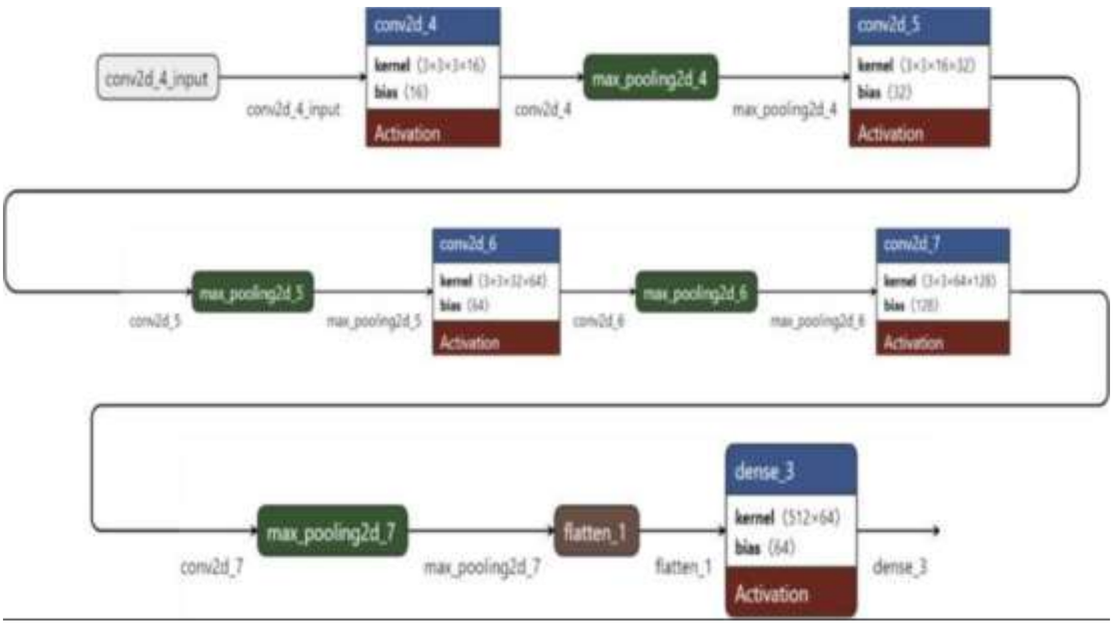
- Automated and fast skin lesion classification
- High accuracy using deep learning models
- Reduced dependency on human expertise
- Efficient handling of large datasets
- Improved consistency in diagnosis
- Early detection of skin diseases
- Reduced chances of misdiagnosis
- Utilizes transfer learning for better performance

## IV. Methodology

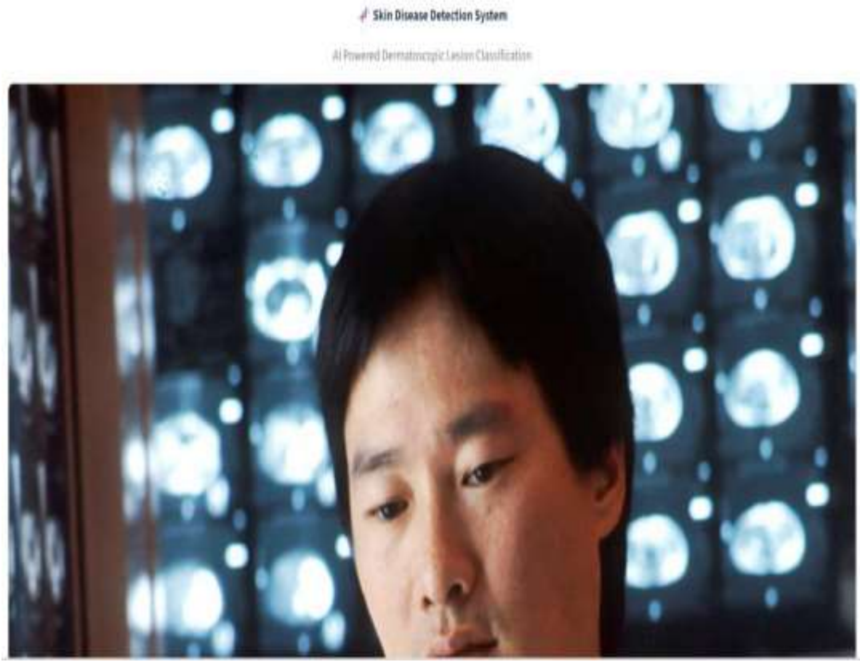
The proposed methodology focuses on developing an automated skin lesion classification system using deep learning techniques. Initially, the HAM10000 dataset is collected, which contains dermatoscopic images of various skin lesion types. The images are then preprocessed by resizing, normalization, and noise removal to ensure uniformity. Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and zooming are applied to increase dataset diversity and reduce overfitting. A pre-trained Convolutional Neural Network model, ResNet50, is selected as the base model for feature extraction. Transfer learning is applied by fine-tuning the model on the skin lesion dataset. Additional fully connected layers are added to perform classification into seven categories. The model is trained using labeled data and validated to optimize performance. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy and loss are used to measure effectiveness. Finally, the trained model is used to predict skin lesion classes for new input images.

**System Architecture**

The system architecture consists of several interconnected components designed to perform automated skin lesion classification. The first component is the input layer, where dermatoscopic images are provided to the system. These images undergo preprocessing, including resizing and normalization, to prepare them for analysis. The processed images are then passed to the feature extraction module, which uses a pre-trained CNN model like ResNet50. Transfer learning is applied in this stage to extract meaningful features from the images. The extracted features are forwarded to fully connected layers for classification. The classification layer categorizes images into seven different skin lesion types. The system also includes a training module where the model learns from labeled data. A testing module evaluates the model's performance on unseen data. Finally, the output module displays the predicted class of the skin lesion. This architecture ensures efficient, accurate, and automated diagnosis support.




## V. Result and Output


Skin Disease Detection System
AI Powered Dermatoscopic Lesion Classification


Deploy
Upload Skin Image
Upload dermatoscopic image
Drag and drop file here
Browse files
Uploaded Image
Prediction: Actinic Keratoses
Confidence:

Fig 1 : Actinic Keratoses 67.02%


## VI. Conclusion

This project presents an effective automated system for dermatoscopic pigmented skin lesion classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) combined with transfer learning. By utilizing dermatoscopic images from the HAM10000 dataset, the system is able to learn and identify complex patterns associated with different types of skin lesions. The use of a pre-trained model such as ResNet50 significantly enhances feature extraction capabilities, enabling accurate classification into seven distinct categories of skin diseases.

The application of image preprocessing and data augmentation techniques further improves the robustness and generalization of the model. Additionally, the integration of the trained model with a Streamlit-based user interface provides a simple and user-friendly platform where users can upload images and receive predictions along with confidence scores.

The results demonstrate that deep learning approaches, particularly CNN with transfer learning, offer a reliable and efficient solution for automated skin lesion classification. This system can assist dermatologists in early detection and diagnosis, reduce the chances of misclassification, and support better clinical decision-making. Overall, the project highlights the potential of artificial intelligence in enhancing healthcare services and improving patient outcomes.

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